ANNEXES (AMENDED SHEETS) TO THE INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

which are due within a preselectable time or on a
preselectable date and to which a first state is
assigned, and assigning a second state to said selected
invoices.

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Applying the methods, e.g. by using the system, is
insofar advantageous as the introduction of this state
concept greatly reduces the expenditures for search and
querying the data bases and increases the system

10   performance, particularly if huge amounts of invoices
have to be screened.
Further, the collection of outstanding cash independent
of a specific customer is made easier. A company can
focus its capacity of cash collection on such invoices,

15   which are considered to be most important with respect
to its turnover. The invention allows a company to have
an overview over critical invoices duly before the
respective due dates, so that measures to ensure
punctual payment can be taken in good time. Further,

20   the management of the respective company can get an
improved day sales outstanding, a better management of
liquidity, an improved credit risk management through
more transparency, better customer profiling through
company owned credit scores, better accounts receivable

25   reporting and a better communication with customers.

Embodiments of the invention are further directed to a
computer system, a computer program, a computer
readable medium and a carrier signal , each comprising

30   program code or instructions for computerized
processing of invoices, which a company has presented
to two or more customers according to the above method
and its embodiments. The invention is further directed
to an electronic data structure having one or more data

35   fields fro one or more states.

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What is claimed is:

1. A method for computerized processing of invoices,
    which a company has presented to two or more
    customers, within a computer network, comprising:
    - automatically selecting from a plurality of data
    records comprising invoice data of said invoices
    such data records, the entry of a due date field of
    which is within a preselectable time or on a
    preselectable date and which data record has a
    first state assigned in a state field,
    - automatically assigning a second state to said
    selected data records according to predefineable
    conditions, said first and/or second state being
    represented by an entry into a respective data
    field of the data record of the respective invoice,
    and
    - automatically presenting the data records having
    a certain first and/or second state to a network
    computer.